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with Lisbon CIA's complicity alleged

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Count Menvi de Montmarin, accused of illegal traffic in arms, said yesterday that his client had acted in good faith in buying 20 obsolets American bombers and sending seven of them to Portugation

The trial of the Count and the pilot, Mr John Hawk, opened here on Tucsday.

The bombers are considered "war material" under U.S. law, and cannot be exported without the State Department's authorization.

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Although Mr de Montmarin did not have such authorization, his lawyer pointed out that he had every reason to believe that the seller of the planes has received it.

The seller, an American, Mr Gregory Board, has also been charged with arms traffic, but fleel before he could be arrested.

Meanwhile, Mr Hawke is insisteing that he was hired by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) which was behind the whole operation, but will not admit it for fear of embarussing the U.S. in the United Nations.

The U.S. has promised the UN it would deliver no arms to Portugal which might use incm to suppress nationalist rebellions, in ther African colonies of Angola and Mozambique.

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